

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings as shown on the enclosed Replacement Sheet copy thereof.

REMARKS

Claims 1-64 are pending in this application.

Specification Objections

The specification was objected to because of an informality. The informality has been corrected herein [INSERT 3]??, and the specification was amended regarding the reference character designation??.

Drawings Objections

The drawings were objected to as using the same reference character to designate different parts. An amended drawing identified as "Replacement Sheet" is enclosed herewith, and the specification has been amended correspondingly regarding reference character designation of different parts.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 29-31, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, and 61-63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Berardi (U.S. Patent No. 5,638,151). These claims have been canceled herein without prejudice to re-submission thereof in a continuation application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7, 8, 17, 20, 26, 39, 40, 49, 52, and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Berardi. These claims have been canceled herein without prejudice to re-submission thereof in a continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 14, 16, 23-25, 27, 28, 32, 35, 36, 43, 44, 46, 48, 55-57, 59, 60, and 64 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been rewritten herein to enable the allowance thereof.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and requests that it be passed to issue. If there are any issues which can be discussed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney at (310) 242-2732.

Respectfully submitted,

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